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Dear Mrs Rogan and Mrs Johnson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Diocese following Wickford Church of England Academy's recent SIAMS Inspection which was judged once again to be Outstanding.

The Church of England's vision for education (2016), 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' states that, '*We aim to deliver excellence in education and want the very best outcomes for children and young people so that they can achieve their fullest potential. With many schools reporting that they feel under increasing pressure to make artificial choices between academic rigour and the wellbeing of their pupils, we are unequivocal in our message that there is no such distinction – a good education must promote life in all its fullness*', and SIAMS inspections are a means by which we can ensure that our Church schools maintain these key qualities.

Therefore, I would like to congratulate you on the outcome and in particular the fact that the school was recognised to be offering 'life in all its fullness to all the pupils and this, in turn, develops in them a love of life, resilience and the ability to learn very well from both success and from failure'. Clearly, the very strong leadership living out the HEARTS values impacts greatly both within the school and into the community. I was also delighted to read about the worship in the school and 'the sense of stillness' and how the pupils are actively involved during these times.

The Diocesan Adviser, Heather Tetchner, has vouched for the fact that feeling that 'every child being loved' permeates through the whole building. I know that you and Heather have been in contact each half term about one particular family and how, as a school community, you have been supporting them as well as the staff and pupils in your school.

Once again, congratulations on such a positive report, I really do appreciate the hard work that has taken place to ensure that the strong Christian ethos has a real impact on the lives of all those who are a part of the school

I know that Heather is very much looking forward to continuing to work with you on your area to improve, embedding the most up to date resources for teaching Christianity across the school, so that the school's desire for continued improvement is fulfilled.

Yours sincerely

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